

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
OFFICE OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES

6 August 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ESTIMATES STAFF

FROM: Chief, Estimates Staff

SUBJECT: Initiation of SIE-3

The National Estimates Board has approved initiation of a Special Intelligence Estimate (SIE-3) on "Probability of an Early Soviet Attack on Japan."

Priority: Crash.

Task Team:

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Probable Soviet Reaction to the Publication of US-Japan
Security Treaty

1. The Kremlin knows from public statements that security arrangements would be made between the US and Japan in connection with the conclusion of the peace treaty. Since the terms of the security agreement do not go beyond what could be anticipated from public statements, and since these terms constitute essentially a formalization of US commitments, we believe the publication of the text of the agreement is unlikely to alter the intentions of the Kremlin with respect to an early assault upon Japan. We believe, therefore, that the conclusion of SIE-3 will not^{be} affected if the subject text is released at any of the dates specified (13 August, circa 1 September, post-Conference.)

2. From the point of view of US security interests, we do not believe that the date of release of the security treaty will have any appreciable effect on Soviet reactions.

/s/

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